

Holiness

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I. Introduction.

- A. The Bible was not given just to give you knowledge. It was given to guide your conduct.
- B. God has called every Christian to a holy life. (1 Peter 1:15-16)
- C. Holiness is being like God in moral blamelessness. It is not sinning and doing the will of God. (1 John 2:1; John 8:29; Luke 15)
- D. God hates sin. (Zechariah 8:17)

II. Reasons we are not more holy.

- A. We simply have not committed ourselves to fully obeying God. (1 John 2:1)
- B. We have a self-centered view of the consequences of sin.
- C. We do not take some sin seriously. (Song of Solomon 2:15; Luke 16:10)

III. How to become holy.

- A. We have transferred from the kingdom of God into the kingdom of God. (Colossians 1:13; Philippians 2:13; Romans 8:13)
- B. God has made provision for us to walk in holiness, but he has given us responsibility of doing the walking.
- C. We must both trust and work to put to death the sinful deeds of the body. (Romans 8:13)
- D. Mortification of sin is denying self. (Luke 9:23)
- E. If we are to destroy the sinful life, we must have...
 - 1. Conviction that God wants us to live a holy life and convictions about specific areas of life. (Romans 13:6; John 14:21; 1 Corinthians 6:12; 8:13; 10:31)
 - 2. Commitment.
 - 3. Personal discipline. We structure our lives to be holy. (1 Timothy 4:7; 2 Timothy 3:16)
 - 4. Perseverance. (Proverbs 24:16)

IV. Conclusion. (John 15:10-11)

Application questions:

1. What reason for a lack of holiness resonates with you?

2. How can we be responsible for holiness and yet not credited for achieving it?

3. What can you do differently this week to structure your life for holiness? Explain.
